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By uniting we stand, by dividing we fall.  
Then join in hands, brave Americans all.

## KEEP MINERS AT WORK.

TUESDAY morning's New York World contained the following editorial paragraph:

If there is any essential industry with which the draft should interfere as little as possible it is coal mining. Even in Britain the miner is kept at work. So should he be in Pennsylvania.

Evidently the writer was thinking of the hard coal fields which supply New York with practically all the fuel used for heating and not of the soft coal which will be needed during the next winter to keep the munition and gun plants running, but the narrowness of his view at this time may well be overlooked. The big thing is that another metropolitan newspaper is beginning to think about the necessity of keeping the coal diggers out of the army so that the army may be kept in the field.

Great Britain did not discover that permitting the miners to leave the mines was almost a fatal mistake until many of them had got all the way to the front in France, but no one is particularly to blame for that because Britain at that time was still under a voluntary enlistment system. What happened was that the men who already were in the army were practically drafted for work in the mines.

There is practically no excuse for letting the draft cripple the mines in this country where we began with a selective system which in theory was designed to guard us against just such an industrial weakness as overtook Britain and now threatens us. Last year just after the first draft was made and the first rush to create an army was over The West Virginian urged that the time to give mine workers exemption had arrived. Every one who is at all familiar with mining conditions could see even then what the draft would do in the way of taking skilled labor out of the coal fields. Now that there is a prospect that another million men will be taken within the next year it ought to be apparent to every one that something ought to be done in the way of giving deferred classification to practical miners. If that is not done the safeguards which have been built up to protect life in the mines will break down and production will fall off. The matter is most urgent, for if some action is not taken soon with regard to it there will be trouble at the first spell of cold weather.

## GENERAL von STEIN'S BOAST.

GENERAL von STEIN, the Prussian minister of war, who told the Reichstag yesterday that the French army in the attack which began with May 27 got one of the worst defeats any Entente force has sustained since the war began, belongs to the inner circle of Prussian militarism. He was one of the military masters of the German empire who prepared Germany for the war and then plotted for years to bring it about. Just where he stands as to importance now since the war broke up the vicious close corporation which controlled the great German General staff and in the end managed to control even the emperor himself, it is impossible to say, but there can be no doubt about his blood guiltiness in helping to bring on the war, and the fact that he is still Prussian war minister probably means that he stands just as high in the Ludendorff ruled clique as he did in the one which ruled Germany in the happy time when they still dreamed of the glory and loot that der tag would bring them.

His statement to the members of the Reichstag, therefore, possesses a certain interest which similar talk would

not possess from an ordinary German in office, most of whom are mere creatures of the military ring, hold their positions on sufferance and are frequently compelled to do humiliating things. There is enough of truth in what old Stein said to make it impossible to charge him with being a vulgar common liar, yet the fact that he was willing to go as far as he did indicates that he and his caste have arrived at the point where they are burning their bridges behind them. They think they have a chance on the field of battle, but the situation in the rear is so bad, apparently, that they are willing to stoop to any meanness or commit any crime to keep the people quiet long enough to give the armies a chance to discover the weak spot in the Entente line—if one exists.

The time will come, of course, when even a people as completely under the thumb of the government as are the Germans will ask why the boast about eating dinners in Paris is not fulfilled and the war brought to an end, and von Stein and his fellows in the great conspiracy against the world do not, dare not, think of that now. They will consume that banquet in Paris if they are lucky. If they are not lucky it will not make their fate any the harder to be convicted of deliberately deceiving the German public. Nor will they care a fig about what history has to say of them.

## FOR THE KIDDIES.

A FATHER writes in to explain his Thrift Stamp program, which is like this: "I have two children who in about five years will be starting in high school. Then they'll need more money than now. I'm beginning to save that extra money now by investing in one Thrift Stamp for each every day. That will make \$75 a year for each child in 1923, besides which all the money they earn and save is added to what mother and I call their high school thrift fund."

In the above there is a big, solid chunk of good advice for all parents who are wondering how they'll give their children a full dose of education.

## JAPAN GIRDING UP.

ACCORDING to the U. S. Consul General at Yokohama, Japan, the capital invested in new enterprises in Japan from January to March of this year totaled \$113,428,000, in extensions of existing undertakings, \$113,000,000, or a total of \$226,000,000. This was \$128,000,000 over the similar period of 1917, and nearly \$198,000,000 over the corresponding period of 1916. "The leading branches of trade and industry showing large advances were manufacturing and mining," says the Consul General. The witless optimist who lolls in his swivel chair at Washington and insists that we have nothing to fear from Japanese competition after the war, under the Democratic tariff law, is requested to think this over, if he has anything to think with.

Politics this year has been strikingly devoid of developments of real interest, but the endorsement by a conference of Michigan Democrats of Henry Ford, who is believed to have his eye fixed upon the Republican nomination for United States Senator in that state, gives rise to a situation that will be watched carefully way beyond the borders of that state. Ordinarily this Democratic endorsement would simply eliminate the candidate from the running in his own party, but Ford has always made his own running rules and he may keep it up even if he does go in for a political career.

Members of the House Ways and Means committee are reported to be showing irritation over the fact that all the witnesses at the revenue bill hearings ask for exemption from war taxation. What did they expect? The war makes new conditions, but human nature has not changed and the only use Congressional hearings on revenue measures have ever been put is to permit people who feel that their business will be hurt to have their say. It perhaps is not the most scientific way of conducting this part of the government, but it has the merit of being entirely above board and permits every other taxpayer to know what is going on. If the members of the committee feel that it is a waste of time right now they can suspend the hearings and go right ahead with the preparation of the bill. That will at least save their tempers and it probably would work no grave injustice.

The Coal club yesterday rather set the pace in the War Savings Stamp drive when members present at the weekly lunch pledged \$44,500 and it was intimated that the club's efforts would account for fully \$200,000 of the little securities. If the other organizations throughout the county go at the matter in the same spirit, County Chairman Glenn Barnes probably will walk away with first honors in West Virginia.

Speaking at the commencement of the military academy at West Point, Secretary of War Baker yesterday said that we will shortly pass the million mark in soldiers in France. That is going even faster than most people in their most enthusiastic moments hoped we would be able to do. If this record is less than the Germans expected, as a liberal interpretation of the speech made yesterday in the Reichstag by War Minister Stein would seem to warrant one to assume, it would be interesting to know just what Germany did expect.

In taking the measure of the military performance of the United States, which probably will have more than a million of men on the firing line before the country has been in the war a year and a half, it should be remembered that all but a small part of that army was created out of the rawest of raw materials and that all of it was transported 3,500 miles over a sea that contained a lurking danger no other long range transportation effort ever had to encounter. It is going to be increasingly easy for us, but we feel no hesitancy in saying that the Germans could not have done it without at least ten years intensive preparation.

federal courts in Virginia.

Some one ought to try to make his foolish brain understand that over there they shoot when guys try to run away.

Reports of two more sub sinkings came to hand yesterday and the score is now up to 18.

Now they can go home for they are ahead of the rumors on the first day.

Anything that can catch up to Dame Rumor in these days is going some, all right.

It is a safe bet War Minister Stein would not have made that speech in the Reichstag if the Teut public knew anything about what is going on.

When the war is over the Teuts can begin at the beginning and read up.

And the story will contain more surprises than the most intricate mystery tale they ever heard of.

Fairmont water unsafe again and the city physicians are hiding their heads.

## RUFF STUFF

Hon. Bill Chilton or some one else is paying good money to spread the news that Rabbi Bettan thinks Bill should get the senatorial nomination because he got the armor plate plant for the Kanawha valley.

Bill used to be smooth, but that trick makes him look like the German General Staff when the class on psychology stands up to recte.

That armor plant may make Bill strong in Kanawha county but it won't get him a bellwether in Ohio and Canell.

And it probably will not add very much to his popularity right here.

W. V. U. still has two open football games.

W. V. U. has not yet signed up for a game with the Mountaineers.

Mr. Miller, the W. V. printer, has been asked for his jurisdiction of the

line, who, in spite of infirmity and illness adds strength to the personnel of the Senate.

Senator Goff may also be likened to, and his services to his state are on a par with the services rendered by that beloved Senator Culberson, of Texas, who is so sorely afflicted that he can not attend upon the sessions of the Senate. Senator Culberson was unable to go back to his home state to certify his candidacy for re-election the last time but dictated a letter to the people of Texas as signifying a desire to be returned which was sufficient for them to overwhelmingly choose him again.

These invalids are in a negative way a distinct honor to the states they represent. Senator Goff no less than the others. Their incumbency has prevented some incompetent modern politician (and sometimes an ass) from bringing odium upon their commonwealths. The Senate would be worthless and decadent without its great towers of strength, vigor and courage, of course, but let us overlook the advantages of having the shadow of honor and dignity in preference to animated grandstanders who talk to the press galleries and play cheap politics to impress the homefolks, we are constrained to eulogize the good the Goffs and Tillmans and Culbersons do.

Nobody will get anywhere with people who weigh the matter arguing for an animated Chilton to take the place of an invalid Goff.

## What People Say and Some Side Remarks

C. C. Shinn, of the Consolidation, spent last week in Detroit and reports the coal situation there:

"Detroit seems to be in pretty good shape as far as present needs are concerned but there is an insistent market for coal. The people are beginning to realize that if they don't get coal this summer they are not going to have any next winter."

Demand full measure when you buy ice cream, advises G. B. Stewart, state inspector of weights and measures, who explains how the buyer may be bypped:

"There are two ways in which the customer gets 'stung' in buying ice cream by the pint or quart. One is in being sold a so-called pint or quart of cream in a carton that cannot be made to hold as much as it is supposed to contain. The other is to be cheated through the failure of the dealer to press the cream down flat in the receptacle after each dipping. Many dealers fill the receptacle with the conelike dippings and then try to press the whole into a solid mass. This does not avail, for on investigation it is often found that in a carton so packed there is quite as much air space as there is cream."

## SUMMER COURSE WILL OPEN MONDAY

Special Instructions Along  
Patriotic Lines to be a  
Feature.

MORGANTOWN, June 13. — The 25th session of the Summer school of West Virginia University will begin next Monday. The formal convocation exercises will be held Wednesday evening, June 13, at 8:30 o'clock. Dr. Paris H. Smith, State Commissioner of Education, from Massachusetts, will deliver the address; his subject will be, "The Element of the Individual."

Notwithstanding the summer conditions of the country the prospects are good for a large attendance. There will be a good many more women than men very probably but an enrollment of several hundred is expected.

In addition to the leading members of the regular University faculty, the following specialists from other institutions will teach: Dr. T. N. Carver, of Harvard; Clara E. Kaps, of Youngstown Teachers' Training School; L. W. Wahlstrom, of the Francis W. Parker school of Chicago; Maud M. Hayman, Supervisor of Public School Drawing at Irvington, N. J.; Carrie B. Edmonson, of Northern Illinois State Normal school; Anna Jean Gannett, of Teachers' College, Columbia University; Grace M. Griffin, of Helena, Montana; Mary G. Bruns, of Chicago Normal school; Grace Covey, Supervisor of Music in the Parkersburg schools, and Principal L. B. Hill, of the Concord State Normal school.

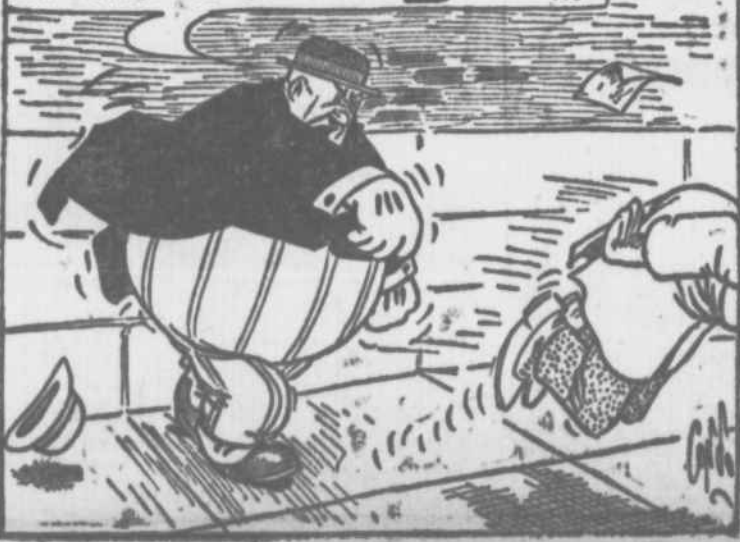
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June 13th, 1918.

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One of the first warnings is pain or stiffness in the lower part of the back; highly colored urine; loss of appetite; indigestion, irritation, or even stone in the bladder. These symptoms indicate a condition that may lead to that dreaded and fatal malady, Bright's disease, for which there is said to be no cure.

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